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In re Application of: Thierry BARGE et al.

Confirmation No. 1501

Application No.: 10/775,865

Group Art Unit: 3724

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Examiner: Robert A. Rose

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPLITTING
SUBSTRATES

Atty. Docket No.: 4717-13200

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 3, 2005, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

Claim amendments appear herein starting on page 2.

Remarks discussing the amendments to the claims appears herein starting on page 4.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure is submitted herewith.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this amendment, but please charge any required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account no. 50-1814.